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History, Art and Culture

3rd International Conference of Young Buddhist Scholars

- **Held in** - Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.
- **Organized by** - International Buddhist Confederation.
- **Aim** - To foster engagement between young scholars and the enduring teachings of the Buddha.
- **Theme** -
 - 2023 - Exploration of "Buddhist Pilgrimage".
 - 2024 - Integration of "Buddha Dhamma in Education, Research, Healthcare, and Well-being".
 - 2025 - "Wisdom Transmission in Buddha Dhamma in the 21st Century."

International Buddhist Confederation

- It is the world's largest umbrella organization of Buddhist communities.
- **Started in** - 2011.
- **Headquarter in** - New Delhi.
- **Motto** - "Collective Wisdom, United Voice."
- **Objectives** - To address and engage in issues of common global concern.
- To play a role in policy advocacy, cultural preservation, Dhamma dialogue, and youth engagement.
- To conserve Buddhist traditions and heritage worldwide.
- **Key initiatives** - Global Buddhist Summit (2023), Asian Buddhist Summit (2024), and International Abhidhamma Divas (2024).

Social Issues

Vigyan Jyoti Programme

- **Initiated in** - 2019 by Department of Science & Technology.
- **Implementing partners** - Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) / Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS).
- **Objectives** - To establish gender parity in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) fields that are underrepresented by women.
- To encourage meritorious girls to pursue higher education and careers in STEM fields.

Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS)

- It is an autonomous body under Ministry of Education.
- **Started in** - 1985-86 as a co-educational and fully residential schools' system, from Class-VI to Class-XII, affiliated with CBSE.
- **Headquarter** - Noida
- **8 Regional Offices** - Bhopal, Chandigarh, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Lucknow, Patna, Pune, and Shillong.
- **Objectives** - To provide free education to talented children predominantly from rural areas in every district.
- To give quality education, including culture, inculcation of values and awareness of the environment.

Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS)

- It is an autonomous body under Ministry of Education.
- **Started in** - 1963.
- **Registered in** - Societies Registration Act, 1860.
- **Objectives** - To provide uninterrupted education to the wards of transferable Central Government employees.
- To provide, establish, endow, maintain, control and manage the central schools located all over India and abroad.

Department of Science & Technology (DST)

- **Established in** - 1971 by Ministry of science & technology.
- **Objectives** - To promote new areas of Science & Technology.
- To organise, coordinate and promote S&T activities.

Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA)

- **Launched in** - 2020, by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MoSJE).
- **Aim** - To tackle the issue of substance abuse and a vision to make India drug free.
- **3-pronged approach** -
 - Supply curb by Narcotics Control Bureau.
 - Outreach and Awareness and Demand Reduction effort.
 - Treatment through Health Department.
- **4 Implementing structure** -
 - Central level by MoSJE.
 - State Level Abhiyaan Committees.
 - District Level Nasha Mukh Committees.
 - Municipalities Nasha Mukh Committees.

Polity & Governance

SabhaSaar

- An Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered meeting summarization tool designed to automatically generate structured Minutes of Meeting (MoM) from Gram Sabha meetings' audio and video recordings.
- **Launched by** - Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
- **Features** - It uses advanced AI and Natural Language Processing (NLP) technologies to transcribe spoken discussions, identify key decisions and action points, and produce well-formatted meeting minutes.
- **Integrated with** - [Bhashini](#).
- **Objectives** - To strengthen participatory democracy & enhance efficiency in local governance.
- To reduce the time and effort required for manual documentation while ensuring transparency and accountability.

Natural Language Processing (NLP) technologies

- **NLP** - It is a branch of artificial intelligence (AI) that enables computers to comprehend, generate, and manipulate human language.
- It has the ability to interrogate the data with natural language text or voice, also called "language in."
- For example, it is the core technology behind virtual assistants, such as Oracle Digital Assistant (ODA), Siri, Cortana, or Alexa.

International Relations and Issues

Medical and Ayush Visa Portal

- It is designed for *foreign nationals (except Pakistani nationals) seeking medical treatment* in India through Ayush or other traditional Indian systems of medicine.
- **Launched in** - 2023, by Ministry of Ayush.
- **Objectives** - To streamline and regulate entry of genuine foreigners.
- To ensure that only genuine hospitals are inviting the genuine patient for treatment by pre-validating Medical Visa.
- **Significance** - It enables hospitals, to generate Medical Visa invitation Letter and Medical Visa Extension Letter for Medical Visa/Medical Attendant Visa/Ayush Attendant Visa.

